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REF: SEOUL A-28, FEBRUARY 1, 1973; A-210, JUNE 25, 1973;
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1. POST WISHES RENOMINATE DR. SUH TON-KAK, PRESIDENT OF KOREAN LAW PROFESSORS ASSOCIATION AND PRESIDENT OF KOREAN COMMERCIAL LAW ASSOCIATION, FOR FY-76 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT FOR THIRTY DAYS' OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION. SUH WAS AWARDED FY-73 IV GRANT WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT, DONGGUK UNIVERSITY BUT STUDENT UNREST ON SEVERAL SEOUL CAMPUSES PRECLUDED HIS TRAVEL AT THAT TIME.

2. DR. SUH RESIGNED FROM DONGGUK PRESIDENCY IN JUNE 1974 AND IS NOW PROFESSOR OF COMMERCIAL LAW AT KOOKMIN UNIVERSITY. RELEASED FROM UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, HE NOW WISHES VISIT U.S. TO LEARN FIRST HAND LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICAN LEGAL EDUCATION AND RECENT TRENDS IN AMERICAN CORPORATION LAW, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO MULTI-NATIONAL

CORPORATIONS AND EXPANDING FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS. SUH IS NOW ENGAGED IN REVISION OF CURRENT KOREAN COMMERCIAL CODE ON GRANT FROM KOREAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SUH WAS A MAIN DRAFTER OF PRESENT COMMERCIAL CODE WHICH WAS EXTENSIVELY
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REVISED IN 1962. HE CLAIMED HIS EARLIER STUDY OF AMERICAN

CORPORATION LAW AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, 1955-56, HELPED HIM MUCH IN THAT EFFORT. HIS VISIT TO U.S. AT THIS TIME WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FILL GAPS OF CHANGES IN PAST TWENTY YEARS AND WILL ENABLE HIM RENDER NEW, VALUABLE INSIGHT IN PROCESS OF PLANNED REVISION OF COMMERCIAL CODE BY ROKG.

3. IF GRANT COULD BE ARRANGED IN TIME FOR ATTENDANCE WASHINGTON WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 12-17, OT WHICH HE HAS ALREADY BEEN INVITED, IT WILL OFFER HIM ADDED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AMERICAN PROFESSORS AND OTHER PROMINENT LEADERS IN LEGAL PROFESSION TO STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN KOREAN LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN US SUCH AS AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

4. DR. SUH IS EXPECTED TO EXERT CONTINUED INFLUENCE IN KOREAN LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY IN YEARS TO COME AND POST BELIEVES A GRANT TO HIM NOW WILL BE USEFUL IN TERMS OF USG FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. POST WISHES TO DESIGNATE ONE OF TWO GRANTS EARMARKED FOR LEGAL AID IN CPP FOR THIS GRANT AS SUH EXPECTED PLAY FAR GREATER INFLUENCE IN KOREAN LEGAL COMMUNITY THAN ANY OTHER PERSON IN LEGAL AID FIELD PLUS FACT THAT POST HAS ALREADY SENT FOUR PERSONS IN LEGAL AID IN FY-74, INCLUDING THREE TO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL SERVICES TO THE POOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL, BERKELEY.

5. BIODATA SUBMITTED A-28 STILL CURRENT EXCEPT SUH'S RESIGNATION FROM DONGGUK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY AND HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS PROFESSOR OF LAW AT KOOKMIN UNIVERSITY IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

6. APPRECIATE EARLY CONFIRMATION.

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